DA Says Stories Slow JFK Probe

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NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 19 (AP). — District Attorney Jim Garrison said Sunday "irresponsible" publicity may slow his Kennedy assassination probe and could endanger lives.

Garrison, however, reaffirmed his statement that arrests will be made and that he thinks convictions will result. He rejected a suggestion from Rep. Gerald R. Ford (R., Mich.) that he give his information to the United States Attorney General, who could pass it on to President Johnson.

PROBING CONSPIRACY

"I am running this investigation, not the President, not the Attorney General," said Garrison.

"We are investigating a conspiracy which appeared to have occurred in New Orleans and they don't have a thing in the world to do with it. Now, if they want to help me, I'll welcome their help. But I'm not reporting to anybody."

Garrison said involvement with Federal officers would slow his investigation. He said he is out to prove that a conspiracy conceived here "culminated in the assassination of "President John F. Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963."

'OTHERS INVOLVED'

There is no question, he said, that others besides Lee Harvey Oswald, a former New Orleans resident, were involved in the conspiracy.

This goes counter to the Warren Commission, which said its exhaustive investigation showed that Oswald shot the President and that there was no credible evidence that anyone else was implicated.

Garrison said he was making substantial progress before a New Orleans newspaper published a story on the investigation.